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Examiner : Jerry B. Dennison

**PETITION TO ACCEPT AN UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED
CLAIM PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)**

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Submitted herewith is a Request for Continued Examination and a Preliminary Amendment to include a first sentence in the specification which identifies the above-identified patent application as being a continuation application from U.S. Patent Application No. 08/592,697, filed January 26, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 6,212,566.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2)(iii), this Preliminary Amendment provides the required reference to the earlier-filed non-provisional application from which the above-identified patent application claims priority.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2)(ii)(B), because the above-identified patent application was filed under 35 U.S.C. § 111(a) before November 29, 2000, the time periods of § 1.78(a)(2)(ii) do not apply to the above-identified patent application.

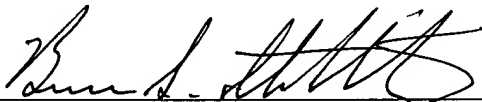
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3)(iii), Applicants state that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and the date this claim was filed was unintentional.

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If any undeveloped issues remain or if any issues require clarification, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicant's attorney in order to resolve such issues promptly.

Respectfully submitted,

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